| Sl. No. | District | Affected Tehsils | |
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| 1. | Khandwa | 1. Pandhana | 2. Nepanagar |
| 2. | Chhatarpur | 1. Nowgaon | 2. Chattarpur |
| | | 3. Rajnagar | 4. Bijawar |
| 3. | Panna | Shannagar | |
| 4. | Ratlam | Bajna | |
| 5. | Jhabua | 1. Petlawad | 2. Thandla |
| | | 3. Bhabara | |
| 6. | Rajgarh | 1. Jirapur | 2. Khilchipur |
| | | 3. Rajgarh | 4. Narshinghpur |
| | | 5. Biora | 6. Sarangpur |
| 7. | Tikamgarh | 1. Niwari | 2. Prithvipur |
| | | 3. Baldeogarh | |
| 8. | Durg | Nawagarh | |
| 9. | Raipur | 1. Bilaigarh | 2. Kasdol |
| 10. | Chhindwara | Chorai | |

Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, the State Government undertakes the relief measures in the affected areas utilising the corpus of the annual allocation of Calamity Relief Fund. In 1995-96 the CRF amounted to Rs. 48.21 crores and in 1996-97 the CRF is Rs. 51.08 crores. Government of Madhya Pradesh have not sought any additional assistance from Government of India over and above the Calamity Relief Fund.

**Monitoring Cell in Railways**

*323. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a Railway Minister's Special Monitoring Cell has been set-up recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof with terms of reference of the Cell;

(c) whether redressal of grievances brought to the notice of this Cell will be done within some time limit;

(d) if, so the details thereof;

(e) whether officers and staff of this Cell are from the Indian Railways;

(f) whether similar Cells have been set-up at other places of the country for better coordination and to achieve efficiency; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (e) A Monitoring Cell in the office of the Minister of Railways has been set up for high level monitoring of punctuality of trains and passenger amenities including cleanliness and catering on railways. This Monitoring Cell is headed by an Officer on Special Duty in the office of Minister of Railways. This Cell comprises officers and staff of the concerned departments of the Ministry to receive complaints and suggestions on day to day basis and take appropriate action. On receipt of the complaints/suggestion, immediate action is initiated for long term and short term solutions according to the nature of the complaints/suggestions and immediate

instructions are sent out to the Zonal Railways and field units for attending to them promptly.

(f) and (g) Railways have a time honoured system for monitoring their performance in the field of punctuality, passenger amenities, cleanliness and catering services. However, special monitoring cells have now been set up at Zonal and Divisional levels on the railways.

**Recommendations of Dr. S.R. Sen Committee**

*324. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minster of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations of the Committee that was set-up by the Reserve Bank of India under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.R. Sen on the problems of agricultural development in Eastern India; and

(b) whether Government intend to convene a meeting of the Ministries and State Governments concerned, banks and other financial institutions for considering the financial implications of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has examined the recommendations of the Committee on 'Agricultural productivity in Eastern India' set up jointly by the Reserve bank of India (RBI) and the National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.R. Sen. The Recommendations of the Committee were considered at a Conference of the Chief Minsters of U.P., Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal held at Patna on 8.1.1986 under the chairmanship of then Union Agriculture Minister. Another such Conference of the Chief Ministers was held on 28.9.1992 at New Delhi to take stock of the developments. The states were requested to give utmost importance to the implementations of the recommendations. It was suggested that the recommendations should be incorporated into state development annual plans. NABARD has been constantly monitoring the implementation of the recommendations in consultation with RBI. The Chief Secretaries of the concerned states were also apprised by NABARD of the developments and impressed upon to initiated further action. The status of implementation of the recommendations has again been reviewed by NABARD in September, 1995 and a note on agricultural production and productivity trends in the region and status of the implementation of the important recommendations has been forwarded to the Finance Minster. In view of these, there is no immediate proposal to convene such a meeting by this Minstry.

**Pollution Around Beaches**

*328. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gvoernment's attention has been drawn to the Supreme Court's ban on all construction activities within 500 metres of beaches in the coastal States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra pradesh, Union Territories of Pondicherry, Daman and Diu along the country's 6000 Kilometre long seashore for maintaining the eco-balance of the coastal areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Vide its order dated 18th April, 1996 in Civil Writ petition No. 664 of 1993. the